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ALL HOPE IS GONE TO AIR "HER PAST"

Ichabods Have Little Chance to Win a Game Now. McGill Threatens to Spring Sensation in Coffey Suit.

Easiest Games on Washburn Will Make Several Prominent People Leave Denver.

If the mysterious athletic meeting held at Washburn college last Saturday a week ago did not have to do with the coaching system, many followers of the Ichabod school think it is time such a meeting should be held, or else it is time to abolish athletics altogether at the school.

The athletic situation at the college has continued to grow worse and worse since the meeting. A few Topekan who care to discuss it, of course, the coaching system may not be to blame, but there is something wrong and it seems to be the general sentiment of both the business men of Topeka and the friends and connections of the school that if a remedy cannot be found it would be far better to abolish all forms of sport at the earliest possible moment.

Saturday night the Ichabod basketball squad finished a three-day tour of the state by losing to the McPherson college squad by the score of 21 to 24. This tour furnished the one easy chance of the whole season for the team to win a game, and it was confidently hoped that either the McPherson or Wesleyan five would be humbled. But both of these teams won from the Topeka losers by scores that were as decisive as the one Bethany made in the game at Lindsborg.

Little Chance Now.
Only an accident or a miracle can enable the Ichabods to win a conference game between now and the close of the season. There are only five more games on the schedule as it was originally arranged. And, with conditions as they are, there is not much incentive to take on more opponents.

A rainy night at Lindsborg and another game will be played with the same team on Wednesday's birthday. But the Ottawans have been going good lately and they will probably find the picking easy. The last two games are with two college of Emporia and the Emporia Normal teams.

Last week the Normal team blew up and seems to be slipping from the championship race. But "Bill" Hargis' team can slip completely out of the running and still be able to give the Ichabods a drubbing.

Bethany Still Going.
Bethany college still seems to have the best prospects for the championship title of the state, with the C. of E. and Baker pressing the "Terrible Swedes" for all they are worth. Bethany's hardest games from now until the close will be with Baker on February 29 and March 1.

Among the more important Kansas conference games that will be played this week are the following: Baker against Emporia Normal at Emporia, tonight; Baker against C. of E. at Emporia Tuesday; Fairmount against Coe at Sterling, Tuesday; Kansas Wesleyan against St. Mary's, Wednesday; Washburn here tomorrow night; Washburn against Ottawa here Friday; Bethany against Hays Normal at Hays Thursday and Friday; Bethany against Salina Wesleyan at Salina Saturday.

JAYHAWKERS RAN WILD.
K. U. Goal Tossers Won From Washington by 42 to 13 Score.
Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 7.—Kansas university basketball team Saturday night more than tripled the score on Washington university, five, winning by a score of 42 to 13. The Jayhawkers played in an aggressive manner, and executed the first few minutes of play, the visitors from St. Louis were never in the going.

Cherlusk, a Kansas player, and Bonie, of Washington university, were too rough in a scramble over the ball and referee Lawman sent them to the side lines in the last half. Coach Hamilton used ten men for Kansas.

George Cochran a Father.
News has been received here that George Cochran, Savage third baseman, is the proud father of an eight pound boy who has been christened George Dale Cochran, the Dale part being for Dale Gear, who brought Cochran to Topeka when he was manager of the old Kaws.

Washington 41; Clay Center 19.
Washington, Kan., Feb. 7.—For the second time this season the Washington basketball team defeated Clay Center here Friday night by the score of 41 to 19.

Saturday Basketball Scores.
McPherson 21; Washburn 24.
K. U. 42; Washburn 13.
Nebraska 21; Ames 12.
C. of E. 22; Ottawa 23.

He—Where does you wife carry her street carfare? His Neighbor—"In the other woman's purse. Honest, though, could think she wanted to pay it. Judge."

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

Lefty George, the former Kansas City pitcher who has been up and down in baseball during the past year to a considerable extent, has been signed by the Richmond club of the international league.

Tip Zip George Washington Zabel, the Baldwin pitcher who has been connected with the hurling staff of the Chicago Cubs for the past two seasons has been put on the market by Manager Tinker, according to an exchange.

Robert Hedges, former owner of the St. Louis Browns, states that wealthy magnates are a menace to baseball. "The owners with huge rolls can go to the limit in purchasing talent, and this eventually makes a league top-heavy," Sir Bob asserts.

And in bringing up the subject of "big wealth in baseball" Hedges fore the lid off, exposing a subject that is worthy of controversy and discussion. And the subject has many angles and many sides, all of which may be grouped under the general heading: "Baseball—a business and a sport."

It is an acknowledged fact that baseball is one of the greatest outdoor pastimes ever invented, concocted or conceived. Sometimes it is a great business proposition, and sometimes it is not. But if conditions were as they should be, baseball long ago should have been a good business investment as Standard Oil.

But baseball is always more or less a hazardous gamble. This question was discussed with a Western league magnate some time ago, and he was asked why it is that the Western league club owners, knowing conditions in their towns as they do, permit the league to run on year after year with half the clubs or more, losing money every year when the application of a little business efficiency and a little co-operation would make a large per cent of the club money makers every year.

The magnate admitted that the majority of Western club owners are in baseball principally for the purpose of making money out of it. However, he explained the perpetual losses of half or more of the clubs in words somewhat as follows: "The sensible thing would, of course, be to have a salary limit as we now have and to run the league on a basis that would permit a reasonable return on the investment held by every club owner, but the great trouble has been the sheep-like tendency to follow the leader."

In times past the leader has been a man who was wealthy and who was out to win regardless of cost. This man, by his big expensive players forced the other clubs to do likewise, with the result that all the clubs found themselves owners of better and faster ball teams that were bigger financial burdens than the poorest of teams could have been. And it is this kind of a manager that Hedges probably meant when he said "wealthy magnates are a menace to baseball."

The Western league now seems to have cleared the wealthy magnate danger under its old form, but there are those who believe it is facing the same disastrous thing in the formation of stock-owned clubs, headed by home town philanthropists who are liable to do the same thing the wealthy magnate once did. A baseball stock company headed by an enthusiastic local booster who considers a winning ball club a matter of civic pride, to be hal at any price, is far more dangerous to the individual investor with a surplus amount of money. It is more dangerous because the losses incurred are not borne by one individual, but by many, and consequently are not felt so heavily.

And, after all, do the spending of gobs of money and the reckless purchasing of high price players profit those who indulge in these things? It has been demonstrated that such tactics demoralize the less lucid herd, do clubs. But, aside from this, do they profit their progenitors?

Leaving the Western league and jumping to the majors, it is easy to cite instances where such tactics have not turned the tide of victory as those who have followed them expected. Last year Charles Comiskey spent more than 100,000 less than tenor dollars trying to buy a pennant winner and failed. The New York Giants are supposed to be backed by some of the wealthiest men in baseball, yet they finished last in 1915. This, in spite of the fact that McGraw had at his command a roll big enough to choke a giraffe.

And, in addition to all this, some of the greatest baseball teams ever produced have been produced by industry and brains rather than by dollars. It is conceded that Comiskey's recent Athletic machine was one of the greatest baseball organizations ever built. And it is doubtful if the whole

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\$2.50 all-wool foot bags, for those who have trouble keeping their feet warm at night—just a few to close out at **\$1.98**

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An exhibition of flour sacks embroidered by Belgian women

—in one of our 9th Street windows

The sacks were sent over full of flour and the empty sacks were exquisitely embroidered and returned to the Kansas Belgian Relief Committee as an expression of gratitude for Kansas' part in saving the people of Belgium from starvation. It seems almost marvelous that common, ordinary flour sacks could be so beautifully embroidered as these. Be sure to see them before they are sent to the Kansas Historical Society Building as a permanent exhibit.



High Gypsies for early Spring wear

Lace Gypsy boots of black velvet or glazed kid with 3-inch tops, tipped toes and Louis-Cuban heels. —very moderately priced—..... **\$5.00**

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Women's and children's shoes—2nd floor

BARGAIN BASEMENT

This morning we placed on sale 45,000 yards of embroideries at 10c a yard—embroideries that would sell under ordinary circumstances for twenty-five to fifty cents.

The crowds that attended the sale today bought eagerly—and they might for such embroideries as these were never offered before in Topeka for a dime. But it will take more than one day's selling to exhaust these 45,000 yards.

So generous were the quantities that there are still plenty of the prettiest patterns for tomorrow's selling—come!

—on sale in the Bargain Basement

WILSON IS PAROLED

Brilliant Editor of Federal Prison New Era a Free Man.

Charles M. Wilson, for years a reporter on the Hearst newspapers and editor of the Federal Prison New Era for the last seventeen months, was paroled from the federal prison at Leavenworth yesterday after serving twenty-three months of a three-year sentence for white slavery. Ever since his incarceration Wilson has been right hand man to Warden Thomas W. Morgan and during the last two months he acted as the warden's private secretary. Wilson's plans are not known, but it is presumed he will return to the newspaper business he loved so well.

The Federal Prison New Era was founded shortly after Tom Morgan's incumbency began and its first editor was Charles Dickinson, an Oklahoma newspaper man and lecturer, who attempted to sell blue sky to Oklahoma settlers. After the discharge of "Old Dick," as he was called, Wilson became editor. Ever since, the New Era has been a model prison paper for all convict editors in the United States.

On New Year's day, 1915, Wilson published one of the most wonderful papers, both from a typographical and editorial standpoint, ever seen. For months prior to going to press, Wilson wrote letters to governors, senators, ministers and others prominent in the public eye asking them for a New Year's letter written for the benefit of the convicts. Half a hundred famous men and women such as Elbert Hubbard, Maud Ballington Booth and half a dozen governors and former Attorneys General Reynolds, responded.

Beautiful half-tones, cartoons drawn by convict artists and spicy editorial comment filled other portions of the paper and excerpts from its pages filled space in newspapers from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Wilson not only could write but won much admiration from visitors because of his personality. Many Leavenworth men and women called at the prison and were impressed with the opportunity to talk with the young newspaper man.

But, getting back to the Hedges assertion that "wealthy magnates are a menace to baseball." Reviewing all the evidence available seems to indicate that the statement need not necessarily be true, and will rarely ever be true if the majority of club owners are those who are individuals with their time building instead of spending their hard earned money buying what other builders have produced.

HARD ROAD TO K. C.
Earl Akers and H. S. Putney Do Missionary Work at Lawrence.

Co-operation of Douglas county with Shawnee and Wyandotte counties in building a hard surface road from Topeka to Kansas City was urged today by Earl Akers, state treasurer, and H. S. Putney, president of the local automobile association, in addresses delivered at Lawrence before the Farmers' institute. Both Mr. Akers and Mr. Putney pointed to the benefits to be derived by all three counties concerned in concerted action and the realization of this plan.

Time hard surface road proposition from Topeka to Kansas City is still in its infancy, but the benefits that can be derived have already been established beyond a doubt, the speakers told their audience. These benefits are in evidence all over the country where like projects have become realities. E. L. Overton also was accorded to speak, but when he arrived at the Commercial club at noon he discovered that he had too much work on hand for the afternoon.

RAID NEGRO DANCE HALL

The Police Round Up 52 Persons on Various Charges.

Sunday night a raid was made by Sergeant E. L. Walker, Tom Morgan, James McGovern, Augustus Alba and Patrolman Ferguson and Motorcops Richards, Welch and Richardson. Fifty-two negroes, all found at the place of Laura Fisher, 506 Jackson street, are booked at the police station on charges ranging from disorderly conduct to dancing on Sunday.

A large percentage of the negroes were minors. When the cops broke through the doorways of the hall a pianist was playing a burbark between "Too Much Mustard" and "Turkey in the Straw," while a dozen or more couples were dog-trotting among tables. The popping of corks—from ginger ale and coca cola bottles—furnished the trimmings to the affair. No liquor was found by the police.

FORTER WANTS SCALES
New Crematory Superintendent Is Dissatisfied With Present System.

"Zeke" Forter wants a set of scales. He wants a set big enough to weigh loads of garbage, loads of manure, loads of coal and loads of ashes. He wants the scales installed at the city crematory where he can use them in determining how much coal it is taking to burn up a wagon load of garbage.

It may be some time before the city is able to purchase and install the scales but Forter, the new superintendent of the crematory, says it will be difficult for him to put the crematory on a systematic and scientific basis until he has them.

He wants to weigh the coal before it is shoveled into the furnaces and weigh the ashes after the coal is burned. All these things enter into the economic handling of the garbage problem. An effort is being made at weighing now but it is only an effort. In some time past some fireman weighed a wheelbarrow load of coal and now a wheelbarrow load is credited with weighing just so much whether it is full or not. A wagonload of garbage is chucked up as a wagonload even though it may fill just one end of the wagon. Forter isn't pleased with the system and is going to change it.

Mrs. Hanleigh (sententiously): "It's the little things that annoy us most." Boarder—Yes, the small portions, for example.—Boston Transcript.

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